



The Cross and Money

Mark 10:17-31

If you have money...

- It is not evil.

- It may be your ticket to hell.

- Beg God for a miracle.

- Give like Jesus now!

GETTING STARTED: If your house was on fire, what one thing would you try to save even if it was dangerous? Why?

DIGGING DEEPER: How do these two people in Mark 14:3-9, 15:43 show that having money is not necessarily evil? What does the rich man's response in verse 22 reveal about his heart? What insight do these verses (Matt 6:19-21; Mark 4:19; Luke 12:13-21, 16:19-30; 1Tim 6:17; Rev 3:17) give concerning the power of wealth to rob a person of the blessings of God's kingdom? In verse 21, how did Jesus feel toward this man? What emotions do you have toward this man? a) Pity - He couldn't help he was rich b) Disappointment with him - he blew a great opportunity c) Upset - Jesus was too hard on him d) Confused - do I have to give up everything also? Do these verses (Job 1:10, 42:10; Ps 128:1-2; Isa 3:10) help you understand the disciples' surprise that a rich man was blocked from heaven? How is Jesus a picture of a more superior rich young ruler? What do you think were Peter's motives in saying, "We have left everything to follow you?"

LIVING IT OUT: Which of these describes your attitude(s) toward money? a) Means to an end, b) Safety blanket, c) Stewardship from God, d) Can never have enough, e) Hard earned reward, f) Gift of God g) Dangerous power, h) Other, why? What do you think you would think, feel, or do if Jesus came today and asked you to give away 50% of your wealth? 75%? 100%? On a scale of 1 -10 how strongly do you agree with this statement: The difference between the standard of living you could have versus the standard of living you choose to have because of giving to God determines the extent to which you have truly experienced the gospel. Explain your answer. What do you think Jesus would say is the main thing that holds you back from being totally committed to Him? Name one thing you can do this week to let go of material things and more fully reach for God's kingdom.



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